

**Election**

Applicant elects the Group I invention including claims 1-16 and 26-32 for initial examination. This election is without traverse.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, the Group I invention including claims 1-16 and 26-32 has been elected for further examination. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application including non-elected claims 17-25.

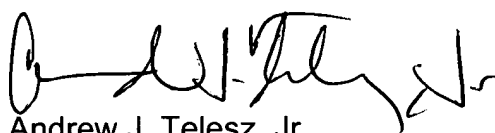
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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